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THE objection to the rule requiring registration at the polls is made and persisted in by the democratic club. The rule is adopted to prevent fraud and is enforced in the manner prescribed by law. Why should the democratic party want the bars to illegal voting let down?

THE Hilo Boarding School is to be complimented upon the high character of the play of "Robin Hood" which it gave the past week. It is also to be congratulated upon the success of the undertaking. The cause is a most worthy one, and it is to be hoped the indebtedness on the new building may be materially reduced if not entirely wiped out by the proceeds of the performances.

A CRYING want of long duration has been met by the Board of Supervisors, in the active steps that body has taken for the immediate opening of Bridge street. The section between Church and King streets is to be vacated for street purposes as soon as it can be done, and the Board's committee is hard at work upon the plan of carrying through the extension to Volcano street. This is action that the public will heartily approve; and may the actual opening and construction of the street be not delayed. And so the work of improving the city goes forward.

THE news of the disaster that befel San Francisco on the morning of April 18, brought by the passengers of the wrecked city, by letter and coast paper, indicates the destruction and horror of the event to have been all our despatches indicated and more. The scene down town in the first instance was one that all unite in characterizing as indescribable in its terrifying effects, followed by the work of the fire fiend who held full sway and completed the work of destruction, the whole making a catastrophe that the pages of history contain few comparable. These advices, of ten days after the disaster, place the dead at 700, the wounded at 1000, the area burned at fifteen square miles, and the property lost at 750 millions.

AS to the proposed change in the street line on Front street, the Superintendent of Public Works withholds his approval, on the grounds that the proposed new street line is temporary. A better reason for objection is to be found in the fact that the difficulty on Front street lies not with the street line but with the buildings along the street. The street as laid out is eighty feet wide with an even curve at as wide an angle as possible. The change proposed would make an unsightly kink in the street line, that in view of a future beautified and improved city, it would be inadvisable to make. It would be better to proceed as soon as possible to have the street widened, as proposed, on the lines already laid out. This would require the purchase or condemnation of some property, a considerable part of which has already been offered for the purpose at reasonable figures. It is doubtful if much longer time would be required to open the street permanently and properly now, and there is nothing to gain by establishing this line where it will not be wanted in the future.

No Serious Loss.

The following cable was received April 30th by C. J. Falk, local Cashier for The Pacific Mutual Life Insurance of California. "Company position splendid, no serious loss."

This is to correct the erroneous version in the Advertiser of May 1.

Kinau Departures, May 7th.

C. Hoy, J. Stewart, Wong How, Miss L. Aku, Mrs. R. Adu and child, Master J. Aku, P. Kay, Dr. H. Davis, Sam Wong, Geo. Kentwell, Miss Macadam, S. K. Pua, J. K. Dillon, E. H. Insley, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. J. Montarrat, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kennedy.

FROM SCENE OF EARTHQUAKE.

Graphic Description Contained in Letter.

Mrs. D. W. Marsh received the following account of the disaster at San Jose, written by a younger sister while the earthquake was still doing its terrible work of destruction:

San Jose, Cal., April 18, 1906.

"The most terrible disaster of Californian history came over the town while people were wrapped in sleep. It was between five and half past. Oh, what could it be! I was waked so violently that for an instant I knew nothing. However, I soon realized that it was a terrible earthquake. (More terrible than that of '68.) A thousand bitter and awful thoughts passed through my head. I thought of Vesuvius and of the hundreds of people swallowed up by the hungry earth. I was so terrified that I was unable to stir in my rocking bed. I was rocked—oh so violently—and I hugged my bed pretty close. Crash! Crash! a roar and—oh, Laura, this minute. Yes, this minute there was a shock. Oh! Oh! I'm so scared I can't write. My hand shakes so. It is over now, but as I stop and hold my hand above this paper, it trembles so. I can't stop it. No I can't."

"That present little shock interrupted me. I shall go on. Well, while I hugged my bed, there was a crash, a grumble and a roar!!! Houses and office buildings all over town were evidently caving in. (The town is about two miles distant from which these sounds came.) The first impulse of Marguerite was to run down the shaky and quaking stairs to the door and fly, but when she got to the sitting room door she stopped. Oh, that sight! The great angry earth was heaving and sighing and rolling, reminding one of a snake. The tr— another shock, but not quite so bad as the former. The trees humped up and down and looked as if some one had a hold of them and was viciously yanking them about. Oh, it was a terrible sight! The big balsam shook as it never shook before, whirling and tossing its great arms about."

"Everything is calm now. My hands stop trembling and I write with renewed vigor. All this which I have told you about lasted about a minute—another shock! They have been quite frequent since that awful one. The horror of that makes each little shock fill me with renewed terror. —ute, but it takes a long time to tell about a minute sometimes. It doesn't take long to swallow millions of dollars."

"Laura, the dear little town of your birth is in ruin. Yes in ruin! It is terrible but something that none of us could prevent. After exploring our own dear old home, it was discovered that there was no more damage than a broken chimney filling Mama's room with bricks, a broken bureau, some yases, and the store room covered with milk and cream. Of course the furniture was tipped over or twisted around, but that was all. And mighty thankful we are and ought to be! After breakfast we went to town to see what damage had been done. There isn't a chimney in town still standing. The first dreadful sight that met our eyes was the condition of the old Grant School. It is completely ruined. Its foundation was drawn out by the earthquake, and the school squatted on the ground. The walls slant in every direction, the windows are broken, the pillars on the ground. No more school for this term. And to think I was to graduate this June, but then I needn't grumble, and I don't for I am very thankful that the accident occurred when it did. If it happened but four hours later there wouldn't have been a child under eighteen years of age. The High School is flat on the ground. The Normal is damaged very slightly compared with the ruined High School. There isn't a building in town, but that isn't damaged some. In the business parts the buildings are all ruined. Hobson's store is flat on the ground. Fountain alley is blocked. St. Patrick's Church, the First Presbyterian Church, several other churches, the Parish House, the new Hall of Justice, the Porter Packing House, the Dougherty building and the new addition of the Hotel Vendome, are completely ruined, or of no use whatever. Of course other buildings were severely damaged. The most important are the Post Office, the Hall of Records and the Court House. There might be others, but these are the ones I saw myself. First, Second and Third streets are blocked up, not entirely so of course. Many soldiers in uniform with their guns in their hands keep the throngs of terrified people off the sidewalks and away from danger."

"Fire engines are all over town putting out the numerous fires that were started by the earthquake. I could see the flames easily from our barn."

"San Jose is in ruins, but as for lives, I know of only a few lost."

"The buildings at Agnew's are all caved in and are in ruins. Many crazy people escaped and it is unsafe to be down that way among them. But oh, for the ones that didn't escape—it is terrible! Rumor has six hundred of them killed."

"We have heard no reports from San Francisco, but that the Call building is down. A man paid \$150 for an auto to bring him from S. F. to S. J. That is all the way we can get news. No paper this morning—not a whistle blew."

Did you know you can purchase an improved Victor Talking Machine from E. H. Moses on small monthly installments. Step in and hear some of the latest music."

ESCAPE FROM PALACE HOTEL.

Wreck and Ruin in San Francisco Indescribable.

The following extracts are made from a letter written by Edyth Tozier Weathered, who was a guest in the Palace hotel at the time of the earthquake. The letter was published in the Salem, Or., Statesman.

"None on the outside can realize the conditions here. All have had their dreadful experience. When I look back on my dreadful experience and tragic fright at the Palace I seem paralyzed. I was suddenly aroused from a sound sleep to find myself being buried beneath plaster. The building was creaking and groaning, the furniture moving and the electric lights flashing. There were screams of people and hundreds it seemed tramping through the halls. I ran for my door, but it would not open. My arms were almost paralyzed from being struck with falling plaster. My head was hard hit and I was bewildered there alone at that awful time. God alone knows how I suffered, being imprisoned and I thought the hotel on fire. There screaming for help and praying that I might die before the building collapsed, a woman from the hall helped me to get my door open. I will never know her name. I hope to find out. With a mass of humanity I got down five flights of stairs over plaster and glass. Do not know how or where I got a pair of slippers. The hotel was crowded and it was a pitiful sight to see several hundreds huddled together not daring to go outside and fearing to remain in the building. Under the circumstances, I do not see how the people kept their heads as well as they did."

"It was a fearful task for me to find my way from the ferry up here about three miles. For dozens of blocks one cannot tell where the streets once were. Oh, the sight is one of desolation. Thousands are camping on the burned-over district with all imaginable things for a house. In some places long lines of people were in waiting for their portion of provisions. The young and old, the rich and the poor black and white, no distinction in color or race; sorrow, fear, hope, pity, anxiety, pictured on the countenances of all. Women wearing diamonds are in line with those who were paupers even before this awful calamity befell the city."

"The newspapers cannot describe the horror of it all. It is impossible to write things as they were or are now."

"Believe all you hear about this catastrophe and multiply it by three, and then you will not get it all."

A Baby Race Proposed.

Horsemen are beginning to consider the prospects of Hilo Fourth of July races, and the program as arranged by the Hilo Jockey Club has attracted considerable attention.

Domingo Ferreira says that he has a two-year-old filly out of a thoroughbred mare which he would like to put into a race if an event for two-year olds were put on the card.

There must be quite a crop of two-year-olds in the islands at present and a baby race should prove attractive and produce some good entries. There are said to be two or three smart youngsters around about Hilo and Louis Warren is reported to have one which he would enter if a race were on the program.—Advertiser.

To Improve Federal Property.

The bill providing for the setting aside of the remainder of Block C, Hilo, for federal purposes, which was reported on favorably by the House Committee on Public Lands, provides as follows:—"That the superintendent of public works the Territory of Hawaii is hereby authorized and directed to sell or otherwise dispose of whatever buildings are now located on the above described reservation, in such manner as he may find most advantageous, such sale and removal to be made as rapidly as the existing leases on said ground expire, and the proceeds thereof to be applied by the superintendent of public works to the parking and general improvement of said federal building site."

San Francisco's Suburbs.

Oakland, Cal., April 28.—Detailed reports from outside towns show that Santa Rosa suffered the most serious damage. Fifty persons were killed in the earthquake of the 18th instant and the city ruined. The loss to property amounts to several millions of dollars.

San Jose was also badly wrecked by the temblor and many prominent buildings were destroyed. In San Jose there were twenty-five persons killed. Agnew's Insane Asylum was ruined. Ninety-five patients were killed in the destruction of the building.

At Santa Clara most of the business buildings were destroyed by the earthquake.

The loss to Stanford University amounts to nearly four millions of dollars. There were two killed at Stanford. The great memorial church, the gymnasium and the library were ruined. Other buildings were damaged.

At Salinas the loss to property amounted to \$1,000,000.

Many country residences at Burlingame, the sporting ground of San Francisco society people, collapsed.

The cities of Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda suffered comparatively little loss. Five persons were killed. In Oakland, walls and chimneys were prostrated and plate-glass windows were broken.

The Point Arena lighthouse was toppled into the sea. Considerable damage was done at Monterey and Del Monte. There was no damage at Fresno, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara or San Diego.

The main fortifications of San Francisco are intact. The brick fort, barracks and storehouses were injured.

There have been thirty-two slight shocks since the first earthquake of the 18th.

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BY AUTHORITY.

Boundary Notice.

An application to settle the boundaries of a portion of the land called Kahua 2nd, being Section 3, of L. C. A. 5663, to Kahoua, in the District of South Hilo, County of Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii, U. S. A., having been filed with the Commissioner of Boundaries for the County of Hawaii, by A. B. Loebenstein, as attorney for the Pepeekeo Sugar Company, the owners of said land;

Notice is hereby given to the owners of said land, and also to the owners of the adjoining lands, viz:

The Commissioner of Public Lands of the Territory of Hawaii, for the land of Kaupakua;

The owners of the land in Royal Patent 1158, to J. Pelham, and its subdivisions to Nawahine, Hema, and Kaanana; that said application and the testimony offered will be heard at the Office of the Boundary Commissioner, in Hilo, Hawaii, on Thursday, the 31st day of May, A. D. 1906, at 9 a. m.

F. S. LYMAN,
Commissioner of Boundaries.
Hilo, Hawaii, May 1, 1906. 27-3

LEGAL NOTICES.

In the Circuit Court of the Fourth Circuit, Territory of Hawaii.

IN PROBATE—AT CHAMBERS.
In the matter of the Estate of ANTONIO DE REGO, deceased.

ORDER OF NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF FINAL ACCOUNTS AND DISCHARGE IN DECEASED ESTATES.

On reading and filing the petition and accounts of Joaquin Carvalho, Administrator of the Estate of Antonio de Rego, deceased, wherein he asks to be allowed \$309.16 and he charges himself with \$410, and asks that the same may be examined and approved, and that a final order may be made of distribution of the property remaining in his hands to the persons thereto entitled, and discharging him and his sureties from all further responsibility as such Administrator.

IT IS ORDERED, that Tuesday, the 22nd day of May, A. D. 1906, at ten o'clock a. m., before the Judge of said court at the court room of the said court at South Hilo, Island of Hawaii, be and the same hereby is appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition and accounts, and that all persons interested may then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted, and may present evidence as to who are entitled to the said property. And that notice of this order, in the English language, be published in the Hilo Tribune newspaper, printed and published in Hilo, for four successive weeks, the last publication to be not less than two weeks previous to the time therein appointed for said hearing.

Dated at Hilo this 11th day of April, 1906.

CHARLES F. PARSONS,
Circuit Judge.

Attest:
A. S. LEBARON GURNEY,
Clerk of the Fourth Circuit Court.
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